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## NEVER SUCH A SCENE BEFORE

Burning of the Iroquois Theatre Appalls the Whole Country.

## SIX HUNDRED LIVES SACRIFICED

Theatre Proves a Veritable Holocaust for the Merry Play-Goers—Chicago Wrapped in Sorrow—Awful Death Struggles.

**Had it not been for ill health** Janesville might have had one victim in the awful holocaust of the Iroquois theater in Chicago Wednesday afternoon. Captain and Mrs. Van Kirk spent Christmas day in Chicago with their children. The captain returned to Janesville and was to go back to Chicago Wednesday morning to meet Mrs. Van Kirk and attend the matinee at the Iroquois in the afternoon. In the morning the captain was not feeling well, and so they were not in the awful mass of humanity that lost their lives in the fire trap. All last evening meagre reports came into the telegraph offices of the awful horror. It was after press time yesterday when the first report reached the Gazette office but the majority of the readers of the Gazette heard the first details of the horror even before the excited Chicago people knew that a fire existed in their midst. Reports this morning state that the dead will number over six hundred.

### TODAY'S SEARCH

(Special by Scripps-McLean.)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—With day light this morning the searching of the ruins of the Iroquois theater was resumed. About the morgues crowds of weeping persons waited all night. From morgue to morgue they wandered looking for the missing loved ones. The scene baffles description as the dead are identified by the frantic searchers. According to latest reports compiled by the police the dead thus far number 591, but it is feared the list will reach over six hundred before the morning is over. Many of the dead can never be identified, so horribly are they burned and mangled. Many of the injured died during the night and others are on the point of death.

### DOORS SHUT

Workers today find that the doors of the exits were so tightly jammed that they could not be opened during the fire to let the frantic women and children out from the awful scene behind them. Ten engines are pumping out the basement and when it is done and the fire over the stage can be searched it is thought that many more will be found. At every step the searchers find jewels and the richest of furs of every description. Thousands of dollars' worth of furs and jewels have been hauled to the police department. The rear and side walls of the stage are in danger of falling on the workers inside.

### GRIEF EVERYWHERE

Perhaps never before in the history of the continent has so much grief been exhibited in so short a space of time. The death march from morgue to morgue with its overwhelming sadness affects even the morbid who are moved to tears by the sorrowing scenes. Weeping women, men are making their rounds, walking between the rows of silent forms gazing into the faces of those who can be recognized. By the end of the day the coroner thinks that half the dead will be identified.

### WISCONSIN PEOPLE

Wisconsin people included in the list of the dead are: Miss Emma Moats of Watertown, W. W. Hooper of Kenosha, John A. Van Ingen of Madison, Edward, Elizabeth, Jack, Grace, and Margaret Van Ingen of Kenosha, B. B. Stevenson of Madison.

Wisconsin people in the list of injured are: H. S. Van Ingen and Mrs. H. S. Van Ingen of Kenosha, Mrs. S. Kranz of Racine.

## HAYES' BODY IS FOUND; ONE OF THEATRE VICTIMS

Word Had Been Received Here That He Is Missing, and Cannot Be Found by His Friends—Was One of the Firm of Tidymann & Hayes, This City.

Lynn Tidymann at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon received a telegram from a Mr. Newell of Chicago stating that the dead body of Frank Hayes was in this city. An answer was sent that he was thought to be in Chicago and later Mr. Tidymann received a telegram from a friend of his partner saying that he could not be found, and the supposition is that he was burned beyond recognition in the holocaust at the theater.

Was Frank Hayes, of the firm of Tidymann & Hayes, a victim of the Iroquois theater horror Wednesday or not? Anxious inquiries from friends in Chicago as to his whereabouts and from Mr. Tidymann to Chief O'Neill, lead to the belief that he may be in a Chicago morgue among the unidentified dead. Mr. Hayes left Janesville on Christmas morning to spend a few days in Chicago—his old home. He was staying with friends there and as he was fond of the theater, it was thought he might have gone to the matinee of "The Bluebeard" company on Wednesday.



WE RESOLVE TO STAY WHERE WE'RE AT.

wild beasts, "left" only with the desire for self preservation. Little babies slipped from their mothers' uplifted arms and in an instant lost their lives were crushed under foot. Girls threw themselves from the balconies and lay crushed and dying till suffocation ended their miseries.

Over 1,000 people in the orchestra seats, with easy access to the doors, gradually made their way to safety, but most of them threw aside wraps, pocketbooks, hats—everything that seemed to burden them in their rush for life and the open air. In spite of the panic, in spite of the suffocation, nearly all of them were saved.

### LEFT IN DARKNESS

But in the balcony and the gallery the angel of destruction wrought his frightful work at will. The flame and smoke gathering on these upper floors caught the people before they realized the full extent of the danger. It seemed incredible that the little rush of fire could lap the walls so quickly and reach out after them like a stroke of lightning.

Then when the full meaning of the disaster came to them they fought and battled with one another for safety—but fled like stampeded animals with the deadly smoke curling all about them, everything plunged into absolute darkness, not even a friendly lantern to show them the way out of this dance of death.

### THEATER BECOMES MORGUE

The classic outline of the theater, the beautiful plush hangings, the arched windows with their stained glass, the stately pillars, became a morgue five minutes after the first little ribbon of flame made its way along the stage.

In another instant smoke burst out from the top arch of the stage and from under the bottom of the curtain, and before a man or woman in the auditorium could rise the whole roof of the auditorium was in a blaze. Two gas tanks exploded in the floor on the east side of the theater, and black, choking fumes beat down in a cloud of death from every wall.

### DEAD ARE PILED HIGH

Others who had managed by the strength of terror to get into the aisles found their awful ending in a mingled doom of smoke and fire and tearing of limbs in the passage and the open space back of the seats. Dozens of others, swept, carried, dragged or thrown out to the stairways, and even beyond them down to the landings in actual sight of the daylight that streamed through the big front door—in sight of the throngs outside, the fire wagon and the smoking horses—died in great masses seven and eight feet high. Limbs mingled fearfully together, clothing burnt off and faces caught in the last agonies, all turned toward the doors they could not reach.

### FIREMEN SAVE THIRTY

From the windows at the north and west ends of the building the victims streamed, blinded by the smoke and crazed beyond all possibility of helping themselves further or taking advantage of the aid extended to them from the upper floor of the buildings facing the theater. Ladders, planks, ropes, poles, everything that could possibly serve to assist these poor creatures in their flight for life, were rigged and turned into bridges, but few got across alive.

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olph and one on Dearborn street, flung their tables and counters on top of one another and laid out great heaps of table linen to be used for bandages for the wounded and coverings for the dead. All the great State street stores threw their main floors open and sent to the theater great piles of blankets, rubber cloth—anything and everything that could be utilized.

Ambulances were re-enforced by dozens of wagons from these stores and teaming establishments, and from everywhere willing helpers poured out to do or give what they could. In a little while, with frantic thousands trying to batter through strong lines of police hung across the corners of Dearborn and State streets, the bodies of the dead came faster and faster, till it seemed as if there was no place to lay them.

### UNABLE TO RENDER AID

The north sidewalk of Randolph street for a hundred yards was covered with these remains, packed side by side and covered with white blankets and tablecloths. Soon the great entrance was choked with them, and faster and faster morgue wagons could take them away they were deposited on the sidewalk and in every building in the neighborhood.

Here and there, men in the gallery entrances could hear underneath the tangled masses a faint moan—the despairing signal of some unfortunate for succor. Then, tearing, struggling at the blackened mass to penetrate it and effect a rescue, they labored, cursing and crying. Some of the still living victims were rescued and taken out in time to be saved. Others died before they could be lifted from the heap of dead; others, while they were being carried down the staircases.

### STORES BECOME CHARBON HOUSES

A flower and seed store directly opposite the theater, filled with green stuff and beautiful blossoms, was choked with bodies brought there and laid on the floors. The Sherman house, Kohl's and Thompson's restaurants, the Tremont building, the Borden block, the Union restaurant, the lobby of the Garrick theater, Marshall Field's store, and all the saloons and cigar stores in the vicinity were filled with the dead and dying.

### FRANTIC HUNT FOR RELATIVES

From every business street of the city, men, whose wives and families had gone to the matinee, streaming with white faces and eyes blinded with half-frozen tears, over to the theater, and screamed like madmen the names of those they were seeking.

Many of them found their loved ones safe, but still half crazed, in surrounding stores and hotels; others discovered them among the dead, identified by some particle of dress, a half-charred hair ribbon, a shoe, or a locket. Others are still searching and will continue to search before they can finally assure themselves that the happiness of their lives has gone forever.

### DOCTORS AND NURSES ARRIVE

Soon from every hospital in the city came ambulances, nurses and physicians; priests and Sisters of Mercy stood side by side with surgeons and great bands of women from St. Luke's, the Presbyterian and nearly every other hospital in the city, waiting patiently like soldiers till the moment they should be called on.

Down the beautiful staircase, glittering again in the rows of electric lights, the current of which had been readjusted by electricians, came the procession of men carrying the dead and dying. In ten minutes a dozen stores had been converted into hospitals and morgues.

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## COLOMBIA MAY HAVE MILLIONS

Panama and New Canal Company May Donate Ten Millions.

## SECRETARY ROOT SEEKS A WAY

Would Endeavor to Bring the Interested Parties Together for a Final Settlement of the Existing Troubles.

[Special by Scripps-McLean.]

Washington, Dec. 31.—Colombia may be given \$10,000,000 as Panama's share of the Colombian national debt. It is suggested that Panama would contribute \$5,000,000 and the new canal company the other \$5,000,000, in consideration of which Colombia would refrain from further attempt to interfere with the autonomy of her seceding province. This outcome may be the result of negotiations now in progress between Colombia's representative and the administration.

Gen. Reyes has abandoned hope of effecting the purposes for which he came to the United States and is now endeavoring to save something from the wreck. Secretary Root is treating with him during the illness of Secretary Hay.

### ROOT ACTS AS MEDIATOR

It is the desire of this government to do all in its power to ameliorate the harsh conditions which Colombia has brought upon herself. To that end Secretary Root is offering the United States' best offices to bring Colombia and Panama into some kind of agreement which will lighten the blow to Colombia.

It is assumed that Panama will be responsive to advice and suggestions, and it is said that the Panamanians themselves are not inclined utterly to repudiate all connection with Colombia's obligations.

### REYES IS IN DANGER

Gen. Reyes finds himself in a very

embarrassing predicament. He realizes that the Colombians' demands cannot be complied with. Yet he appreciates his people's position, and knows that they cannot understand why his mission to Washington is doomed to failure.

In his absence his enemies are undoubtedly at work against him, and he is fearful lest they may destroy his prestige. Observers of South American affairs would not be surprised to hear any day of the usurpation of the government by some dictator.

**MAY INDUCE PANAMA TO ACT.** Secretary Root is exerting his utmost endeavors to bring Gen. Reyes and the Panamanians into communication, which will relieve the situation. While he cannot guarantee money compensation to Colombia, he can use his good offices to induce other parties in interest to consider Colombia's plight and afford relief.

He has in mind the magnanimous action of the United States when Spain was given \$20,000,000 for the Philippines, although we were then in possession of the property and not bound to pay for it.

It would be regarded as a confession of responsibility for the United States to make any payment to Colombia, but it is hinted that, at some future time, Panama might be recouped by the United States for any payment which she chooses to make now to the mother country.

## NOTABLE THEATER DISASTERS OF THE CENTURY.

In the United States.

Brooklyn theater, Dec. 5, 1876	27 dead
Central theater, Philadelphia, April 28, 1882	22 dead
Front Street theater, Baltimore, Dec. 28, 1892	16 dead
Iroquois theater, Chicago, Dec. 30, 1903	520 dead
In Foreign Countries	
Lehman's theater, St. Petersburg, 1836	700 dead
Carlsruhe theater, St. Petersburg, 1847	200 dead
Ring theater, Vienna, Dec. 8, 1851	875 dead
Exeter theater, England, Sept. 5, 1857	200 dead
Banquet theater, Oporto, March 21, 1888	200 dead
Opera Comique, Paris, May 26, 1887	75 dead

## SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

Former Congressman James J. Bolden is critically ill at his home in Syracuse, N. Y.

The earl and countess of Yarmouth sailed on the White Star liner Cedric from New York for Liverpool.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Cox at Arcola, Ill., entertained 100 relatives and friends in celebration of their fifth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Cox was attired in the silk dress she wore when she was married.

John Charlton, who recently delivered addresses in many cities of the United States in favor of reciprocity with the dominion, is critically ill at his home in Lyne Dock, Ont. Owing to advanced age there are fears for his life.

Secretary Hay's condition is better than at any time during his three

weeks' illness. He no longer is confined to his bed, but is able to be about the house and to transact considerable business. He has not definitely decided to go south, but such a trip is not at all improbable.

A farewell reception was tendered Bishop Thomas A. Hendrick of Cebu, P. I., at the Lyceum theater, Rochester, N. Y., and a purse of goodly proportions was presented to the bishop. Among the speakers were Rev. Dr. Irish Rees of the University of Rochester and Rab-i Max Landsberg.

Senator Foraker extended to the president an invitation to attend the Cincinnati musical festival which is to be held next May. The president said it would afford him great pleasure during the festival, but it was too early for him to say positively whether he would be able to attend.

## REV. HENDERSON SAW AWFUL DEATH OF MANY

Helped the Brave Corps of Volunteer Surgeons and Nurses in Thompson's Restaurant—Was

### A Terrible Scene.

Among those brave men and women who turned to and established a volunteer Red Cross society at Thompson's restaurant, next the Tremont building, in the neighborhood of Randolph and Dearborn streets, was Reverend Henderson, the Presbyterian divine of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were spending the holidays in Chicago and when the fire alarm rang in Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Henderson was near the corner of Randolph and Dearborn streets. He saw the maddest rush of the first victims to escape the fury of the flames to the west of the building. The dash of the half-dressed women and crazed men and children from the flaming furnace behind them the heroic work of the police and firemen in trying to save those who might yet be alive and finally passed hours in the improvised hospital established by the police lines by a friend and after telling who I was, was admitted to the building. I was not inside the room, but the scenes I saw in that room were worse even than those inside the theater itself. I helped as much as I could the force of volunteer doctors and nurses and shall never forget the scenes enacted there."

**PLACE OF REFUGE**

Thompson's restaurant adjoining the theater property. As soon as the fire started and the dead and dying began to be carried out, Mr. Thompson turned his establishment into a hospital. Marshall Field and all the big dry goods stores were asked for blankets; physicians were summoned from all the hospitals and colleges and medical supply houses hurriedly gathered together. One physician was chosen head and three physicians and one nurse were assigned to each table. Each body brought in was examined for traces of life and those with the faintest spark of vitality were given every attention possible.

"BAFFLES DESCRIPTION"

Mrs. Henderson was at her friends and escaped the horror of the scene. They returned this morning and in speaking of the awful occurrence Mr. Henderson said:

## ...Local Chronology...

For the Year of 1903.

In the brief chronology of Janeville's history for the past year 1903, which is herewith presented, no effort is made to mirror a complete and perfect—ever true—reflection of the life and activities of our commonwealth. Much to be found in this little diary were perhaps best forgotten, and other things that ought to have been remembered and were not, occur to the reader. Perhaps too little stress has been laid on the good deeds of our people and city—but "They have their own reward."

**January**  
1—Thousands of sightseers pack the city hall afternoon and evening.

2—A. O. U. W. win the state banner.

3—Fred Miller shoots himself while despondent.

4—Clarence Thomas killed by the cars at Milwaukee.

5—First accident on the Interurban road. Caused by snow and cold weather.

6—George S. Parker sues Alderman J. B. McLean in the name of the taxpayers of the city of Janeville.

7—County Board in session at Court house.

8—St. Paul depot now occupied.

9—Fire destroys tobacco crop of W. H. Palmer.

10—Chris. Nicholson sentenced to one year at Waupun for burglary.

11—Lowell's hardware store burglarized.

12—Isabel company fire—Loss \$30,000.

**February**

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2—Janeville Cement Post company commenced work.

3—Alderman Gilkey served with summons to appear in court.

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2—Warehouses of the city closed for the season.

3—Woodmen convention at city hall.

4—Leo Wright killed by the cars in St. Paul yards.

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2—George M. Braco appointed manual training instruction at Marquette, Mich.

3—Many Bower City citizens go to Madison to hear President Roosevelt.

4—Street Car company adopts a 20 minute schedule.

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6—Alderman Connell given a reception by Unique club.

7—Municipal League secures victory at the polls.

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8—Council decides to close the crusher plant.

9—Hayes Bros. secure contract at Marseilles, Ill., to build a dam.

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9—Third ward has only 4 cents in city treasury.

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13—M. Whitaker calls first meeting of Barbers' Board. Advent of Fourth arouses apprehensions. No public celebration arranged.

14—Dull day in Janeville. Many left town.

15—Council decides that brewers must pay license. Row over Bower City Bank note signed by Judge Sale.

16—House-setx. "The Yellow Kid" comes into port.

17—Public first hears of remodelled hostelry to be known as "The New Myers." Beloit suggests a new band stand for Janeville.

18—Charles F. Randall takes his life. Walton Pyre and company appear. In "A Russian Honeymoon." Telephone weather service goes into operation.

19—Much damage reported of storm of previous evening. Art league ladies throw the discuss at the Fisher farm.

20—W. H. Sargent Post announces passage of a resolution to have Memorial day on the Sabbath, Saturday. Janeville Traction Co. refuses the franchise, as amended by council.

21—W. H. Sargent Post celebrates Labor day. Meet in city hall next year.

22—Rainstorm stops all work at the dam. Roy Webb of Evansville criticizes trend of modern thought.

23—Valentine medal awarded to Miss MacLean. Hanson's barn in La Prairie struck by lightning. Geo. F. Carle finds two men robbing his grocery wagon and seizes "Tinker" Smith by the collar. "Tinker" interests him in a conversation and escapes.

24—Senator Whitehead invites Beloit unions to attend meeting in Line City on coming Wednesday. A. H. Hayward is surprised by "Tinker" Smith in his lay-off.

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## LOOKING BACKWARD

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Chronological Record of the More Important Happenings of Past Year Both at Home and Abroad

### The Panama Revolution

Mar. 17—Panama canal treaty ratified by U. S. senate by vote of 73 to 5.  
Aug. 1—Columbian senate rejects canal treaty.  
Nov. 2—Panama declares its independence of Colombia.  
U. S. marines landed at Colon....Columbia recognizes Panama.  
U. S. recognizes Republic of Panama.  
Colombia protests against attitude of U. S. and protests against American interpretation of treaty of 1846.  
Panama recognizes Panama government.  
Mr. Bunau-Varilla formally received by Pres. Roosevelt as minister of Panama.  
Repudiated Isthmian canal treaty signed by Secy. Hay and Mr. Bunau-Varilla.  
Panama rejects all overtures to return to Colombian sovereignty.  
Germany recognized Panama Republic.  
Panama nationalized its railways.  
Gen. Itzeyes, special Colombian envoy to U. S., offers to grant all canal concessions absolutely free of cost.  
Dec. 1—Panama canal bill signed at Panama.  
Gen. Reyes received by Pres. Roosevelt at white house.  
Sweden and Norway recognize new republic.  
W. J. Buchanan (N. Y.) chosen special minister to Panama.  
U. S. marines ordered to San Miguel to prevent invasion of Colombian troops.  
Gen. Reyes (from Washington) informs Colombia that "war on Panama means war with the United States."  
Great Britain recognizes Panama.

### Foreign

Jan. 1—Edward VII, proclaimed emperor of India, at Delhi.  
Feb. 1—Pres. Castro, of Venezuela, accepts power conditions of arbitration.  
German warships bombard Ft. San Carlos, Venezuela.  
Lynch, member of parliament for Galway, found guilty of high treason and sentenced to death (Government later commutes sentence to penal servitude for life).  
Fathers of the Free. Roosevelt declines to arbitrate Venezuelan disputes as requested by allies.  
Venezuelan dispute with Germany to get \$27,360 in 5 months' instalments, Gt. Britain and Italy, 17,500 each.  
Mar. 12—Czar issues decree granting freedom of worship to Orthodox Russian subjects, and sets up government to tillagers and communities.  
Maj. Gen. Sir Hector Macdonald, British military commander at Ceylon and India, war hero, commits suicide in Paris while en route to face court martial for immoral conduct.  
Apr. 6—General strike ordered on all land and water transportation systems of Holland, troops guard property.  
7—James A. Garfield, Secretary of State, constitution of 1861, restores laws in force before its enactment and removes censors of state and senators from office.  
50 persons killed during anti-Semite riot at Kishineff, capital of Bessarabia.  
May 15—Gen. de Raben, gov. of Hessaria, dies by czar, not finding Jews less massacred.  
22—First automobile race results in 5 deaths and contest declared off.  
Jun. 10—King Alexander and Queen Draga shot to death at Belgrade; two brothers and four officers are also killed. Prince Peter Karageorgevitch proclaimed ruler.  
23—Attempted assassination of King Edward VII, in London, by a German Jew, who was arrested, tried, condemned to death, and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment.  
27—Attempted assassination of U. S. Vice Consul W. G. Angelus, at Beirut, Syria, causes American squadron to sail for Turkish waters.  
St. Louis, Mo., where Cortez landed, is destroyed by hurricane with great loss of life.  
11—Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, and Sir H. H. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lord Grey, colonial secretary for India, resign from British cabinet....Emperor French issues order against use of Hungarians in his army.  
Oct. 1—New British cabinet announced with Alfred Lyttelton as colonial secretary and Austen Chamberlain as chancellor of exchequer.  
12—Sequence of understanding between Turkey and Bulgaria latter demands 10,000 troops occupying frontier and Turkey agrees to disband 20,000 troops.  
Dec. 2—Gen. Itzeyes elected pres. of Colombia.

### Industrial

Jan. 5—Board of trade corners establishing dictation of coal miners illegal by appellate court in Chicago.  
John Mitchell reelected pres. United Mine Workers at Indianapolis.  
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U. S. court of appeals has decided Northern Securities, a legal corporation in existence, to trust law and enjoins it from voting stock of controlled roads.  
May 1—To secure more pay and shorter hours, workers, mostly in building trades, strike.  
12—Federal Salt Co. convened in U. S. court at San Francisco of maintaining a motion for weight of salt produced by W. D. Core as pres. United States Steel Corp.  
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### Crimes

Jan. 9—Emil Johnson kills Miss Anna Benson and self at Virginia, Minn.; she refused to marry him....W. B. Chio, of Toledo, kills wife and self; domestic trouble.  
10—Mrs. Amelia Holler, of Palmer, Wis., hangs her two children and self.  
11—John Miller, of Buffalo, N. Y., hangs his wife and self at Marionton.  
31—Chas. Howe, while insane, kills wife, 2 children and self at Woods, Tex.  
Feb. 1—John Stak Mills, wife and self, at Marionton.  
11—Edward H. Bullock, of Buffalo, N. Y., found dead in his home with head crushed.  
13—Adolph Krauss kills wife and 6 children, with whom he had been attempting suicide....Bandido attacks along Yaqui river in Sonora, murdering driver and 6 passengers.  
9—Near Orangeville, Calif., in fight between rival turpentine companies.  
17—Mrs. Jan. Strobridge, killed mother, daughter and self, at Cuyahoga, N. Y., was Howard sentenced to life imprisonment for murder of Gov. Goebel.  
May 4—Jan. B. March, assassinated at Jackson, Ky., as res of Hungry-Cockrell.  
20—S. Biggs, Ed. Bellard Deputy Sheriff of Sanderson, Tex.  
Jun. 4—Cowboys kill E. L. Berry and 3 sons, 1 son-in-law, 1 daughter over land.  
20—H. M. Love, Tex. Gov., killed at Austin by discharged employee who was wounded in subsequent struggle with J. W. Stephens.  
Jul. 1—Man sentenced to be electrocuted at Hamlin, Ill., to avoid being buried alive.  
Aug. 1—Three deputies held by escaped convicts from Folsom (Cal.) prison, in Modesto, Calif., killed.  
13—Gilbert Tufts, Insan, shoots into crowd at Winfield, Kan., killing 3 and then kills himself.  
14—Albert Jet and Thos. White, found guilty of assassination of B. Marcus and punishment fixed at 10 years' imprisonment.  
17—Desperate negro in Randolph county, Ala., kills 10 and wounds 15, but is reprieved.  
22—Two men killed and two wounded at Chicago City Hallway Co., Burns by 3 masked men who escaped at \$3,000....G. C. Moore sentenced to die for complicity in kidnap.  
Sep. 7—Three men killed in fire at camp meeting at Victory, Ky.  
22—Curtis Jet, found guilty at jury at Cynthiana, Ky., of murder of twin Marcus and Pauline, Cockrell; death penalty imposed.  
Oct. 12—Seven Indians killed at gunner after shooting bout on Blackfeet reservation.  
Nov. 13—Insane negro kills Andrew G. Green, "father of Greater New York."  
Henry Van Dine, Peter Goldfarmer and Emil Rosenthal charged with highbrow robbery and murder, capture a barn and farmers near Tolleson. Inspector steals locomotive, killing 3. Police and totally shooting Detective J. D. Hall, coil cut.  
Dec. 6—Dell Thompson kills Adde Fisher, his fiancee, then commits suicide at his home in Camden, N. J.  
20—Horace L. Dibble, of Cleveland, O., kills his wife, 2 children and self.  
21—Jos. Phillips, at Holloway, N. Y., killed his 3 children and self; poor.

### Government and Politics

Jan. 1—Gov. Benjamin H. Odell (N. Y.) inaugurated 2nd time....Annual report of Philip Morris Co. of New York, organized insurance at end.  
—Govs. John W. Morley (Ontario), and White (N. D.), inaugurated.  
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—Gov. Van Sant (Minn.) inaugurated.  
12—Gov. Wm. J. Bailey (Kan.) inaugurated.  
12—Weldon H. Hoyburn (Idaho) and George C. Perkins (Cal.) elected to U. S. senate.  
14—Gov. Jefferson Davis (Ark.) inaugurated 2nd time.  
Pres. Roosevelt signs anthracite coal regulation.  
12—Gov. Wm. Dorsey (Ala.) inaugurated.  
13—Chas. F. Kelly, former speaker of St. Louis house of delegates, convicted of perjury....U. S. Senators Hopkins (Ind.), Parks (Mich.), Pitt (Conn.), Clarke (Ark.), and Hurlbrough (N. D.), Penrose (Pa.), Platt (N. Y.), Smart (Utah), Gullion (N. H.), and Trexler (S. D.) elected.  
Gov. Duncan C. Heywood (S. C.) inaugurated.  
U. S. Senator Henry M. Teller (Col.) re-elected.  
20—Sen. Senator John C. Spooner (Wis.), Chester I. Long (Kan.), Asbury C. Cannon (S. C.) and Francis G. Newlands (Nevada) elected.  
21—Sen. Senator E. W. Pettus reelected.  
22—Levi Ankney (Wash.) elected to U. S. senate.  
Feb. 3—Committee's report declares bribery charges against Congressman Lesser and others....Rep. James Philip Dohle, but holds Lemuel E. Cliffe to be not involved.  
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12—Postmaster Gen. Payne removes Jas. N. Tyner, nat'l. atty. gen., from P. O. department.  
16—Gen. Miles' report on Philippines made public, citing cases on part of American troops.  
May 1—Gen. Luke E. Wright, vice gov. of Philippines, arrived Manila.  
July 1—New dept. of commerce and labor, launched, Gen. H. G. Cattell in charge.  
16—Geo. W. Beavers, formerly chief of sanitary and industrial division of P. O. dept., indicted in Brooklyn for alleged acceptance of bribe.  
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21—Godfrey, Kan., 8 in railway wreck.  
22—St. Louis, 5 by boiler explosion.  
23—Laurelton, Pa., 6 in railway wreck on bridge & road.  
24—Near Grand Rapids, Mich., 22 in collision on Pier Marquette R. R.

OF THE TRAVELER'S INSURANCE CO.—  
Gen. Mrs. Merry del Val, papal secretary of state, Nov. 9—First secret consistory of new pontificate held in Rome.  
12—Mrs. Merry del Val and 4 others raised to cardinalate.

Jan. 1—Gov. Dole sends to Pres. Roosevelt 1st message over direct cable between Honolulu and San Francisco.  
2—Post office at Indianapolis, Ind., from which colored postmistress was driven by force of police.

16—Lieut. Gov. Tillman (S. C.) shoots and fatally wounds Editor Narciso G. Gonzalez in Columbia.  
Feb. 1—Arnold & Co.'s St. Louis cooperative grocery store goes into payment....Over 20 persons affected at Ithaca, N. Y.: many students leave Cornell university.  
Mar. 1—Andrew Carnegie gives Princeton University \$1,000,000.  
10—Arthur H. Pennell, a chief figure in mysterious murder case of E. L. Burdick (rep. O.), 12th president of Edgewood College (Mem., Md.), about 12,000. Gov. Marvin (I. L.) 1,257; John L. Bates (rep. Mass.), 1,258; Albert B. Cummings (rep. Conn.), 1,259; James C. Jackson (Dem., Ithaca), 1,260; John H. Miller (Rep., Ithaca), 1,261; Joseph G. Cannon (Ill.), 1,262; John L. Williams (Rep., Ithaca), 1,263; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,264; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,265; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,266; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,267; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,268; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,269; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,270; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,271; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,272; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,273; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,274; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,275; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,276; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,277; John C. Lodge (Rep., Ithaca), 1,278; John C. 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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

When the bells ring out at midnight there will vibrate on the echo the expiring throb of the old year, while the refrain will usher in the new year.

The birth of a year like the birth of a flower or a child should be an occasion for rejoicing and the old year greeting, "A Happy New Year" is always in keeping.

The new year comes to every life, clean and fresh, and with beckoning hand invites to opportunity and best endeavor. It matters not what the old year, now dead, may contain of blasted hopes and failure.

The retrospect of every life will not bear very close inspection for it reveals much that is not ideal, but the cycle has closed and when the clock strikes 12 at midnight it will have passed from sight forever.

The new year now commands attention and the time to appreciate this fact is when the year is young. The poorest spot on earth is a grave yard, and the man or woman who spends very much time at the sepulchre of departed loved ones develops unconsciously a morbid selfishness by wasting upon the dead, the sympathy which the living so much need. So the life that is absorbed by the past, whether through regret or because of sacred memories is never a well sounded life. Let the dead year go. The New Year, 1904 is at hand, and it comes to us with smiling face, and hearty good cheer. It is entitled to a hearty greeting in return and the land should ring with "Happy New Year" tomorrow morning.

It is worth something to live in this new year, 1904 and especially to live in the land of freedom and rare opportunity. This fact alone should inspire to thankfulness and good cheer.

The undeveloped year contains mines of wealth and great treasure, which are only waiting to be discovered. These mines are not all diamonds or precious metals, many of them contain jewels of character more precious than rubies, and as two New Years' resolutions, which if adopted, will help to discover these jewels as the year advances.

They are very terse and easily remembered.

"I will be good."

All through the year 1904, try it, and it will be a Happy New Year down to the tolling of the bells that usher it out at the close.

## TARIFF TINKERING.

The gentlemen who a few months ago were loudly demanding Tariff patchwork are less urgent for that movement than formerly. The fact that imports are declining and receipts at the custom house correspondingly reduced brings to the front the probability that the present Tariff may produce none too large an income for the uses of the Government. And now that it is likely that the Panama Canal will be built as soon as the United States Senate can fall into line to ratify the new treaty, there is every reason to suppose that the national income will be none too large for the immediate future, says the Boston Journal.

As soon as the construction of the Panama Canal is decided on, \$50,000,000 will be required in that enterprise, and although there is now a large surplus, it is evident that there is no more to come and go on, in view of the increased expenditures which the people have ordered, than there ought to be, especially in view of the fact that when the Tariff tinkers last did business at Washington.

ton in 1893 they were forced to borrow money to keep the Government running. We agree, however, with Senator Foraker of Ohio that if the Democrats want Tariff discussion in the House or in the Senate this winter the Republicans have no reason to decline to meet them.

In 1905 the Tariff will not be tinkered with—but revised in harmony with the changed conditions of industry, if conditions so changed as to lead the friends of Protection to believe that American interests require revision. In 1893 the Tariff was threatened by its enemies. In 1905 the crime of '93 will not be repeated.

Emil Roehl, the car barn murderer tried to escape from justice by using a saw and a file, some kind friends sent him as Christmas presents.

The state political pot is boiling now. See the steam escape at Madison within two weeks when the state central committee meets.

Baenisch supporters intend to go into the new year with a clean slate and redoubled vigor to work for him.

Chicago liverymen have already armed their drivers and told them to drive their charges or make corpses of those who stop them.

Wait till this snow melts in the spring and Rock river rises to its usual roaring strength is used to have years ago.

Opera troops still have a fascination for the glided youth and some who are not youths. When the chorus is pretty.

Burglar in a little Illinois town robbed a saloon as being the surest place to secure good plunder. This is nature's cure.

Remember the water wagon starts from the corner at midnight tonight. Its capacity is not yet over taxed.

Evidently that big canal, the dream of all navigators, will soon be a reality.

Who will head the state delegation to the national republican convention?

Has Mr. Mayhew awakened to the fact yet that he is not a candidate?

Russia and Japan are just waiting the word to begin their battles.

Look out boys this is the girls chance after twelve tonight.

What will the New Year bring to the state politicians?

The old year goes out with a good cold send off.

A snowy day is bad for a week's wash.

Still the boomers boom Mr. Hearst.

Hurrah for 1904.

## PRESS COMMENT.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: The war predicted to occur in the United States during the next four years must be the one that is brewing between Bristol and Heath.

Marinette Eagle and Star: If you think you have nothing to be happy for, just read the new book written by Helen Keller, who is blind, deaf and dumb and yet is happy.

Evening Wisconsin: The oleo manufacturers declare that the Wisconsin law against their product is a bit of yellow legislation that ought to be taxed for its coloring.

Washington Star: The Chicago physician who thinks that the people bathe too much should observe some of the immigrants who reach this country in wholesale consignments. They do not seem any healthier or happier than other people.

Boston Advertiser: Connecticut takes up the crusade against married women as teachers in the public schools. Many a man who has lived while his wife worked is denouncing the school committee for its narrowness.

Chicago Record-Herald: Mrs. Reed Smooth is described as an attractive, youthful looking woman who is well satisfied with her lot. Evidently Mrs. Smooth doesn't believe there is any truth in the stories.

Washington Times: The passengers in a Chicago street car refused to pay fare to a conductor not wearing the union button. Business in Chicago seems to be a game of "Who's got the button?"

## FLORIDA PHILOSOPHY.

Happiness is only possible in those who have suffered.

In all the lights and shades of life a man's reason starts at himself.

There are thoughts which brook no confidant; there are griefs which cannot be shared.

The human heart, like the muscles and nerves, grows tired rounding the sharp curves of life.

A man protesting against error is on the way towards uniting himself with all men that believe in truth.

The man who dies without having helped in some way his fellows is like a barrel of garbage dumped into the sea.

How pathetic—the panting, breathless haste and vehemence of a man struggling in the thick of battle for life and salvation!

All things are good in their true

place, each under each, and all must work together for the happiness and contentment of our fellow-man.

The man who has not the capacity of enjoying solitude either has a troublesome conscience or is of such light draft that he cannot stand up under a little self-confession.

Settle yourself into an easy, peaceful adjustment to the creative rhythm, the march of events, the flow of time, to which you relate about in the same magnitude as an ant affects the light of the sun.—Florida Times Union.

## IMPROVED GUIDE TO HEALTH.

Don't lend—borrow.

Don't worry—let the other fellow do it.

Don't drink. You'll get thirsty again.

Don't go to law. Choose the lunatic asylum.

Don't remember anything—especially your debts.

Don't eat anything. Your stomach may get out of order.

Don't work. It is very bad for the health to tire yourself.

Don't wear clothes; they retard the free movement of the body.

Don't try to say anything when you talk. It consumes brain power.

Don't want anything. If you should want anything, don't buy it; beg or steal it.

Don't get sick. If you think you are sick, whistle and turn somersaults. This is nature's cure.

Don't marry young. Don't marry old. Don't marry at all. If you are tempted to marry, attend court on a divorce day.

Don't get excited. Keep ice in your mouth.—Henry W. Francis.

## JUST JOTTINGS.

A Cincinnati milkman took poison recently and his doctor evened up old scores by pumping him out.

It's almost as hard for some men to live up to their reputations as it is for others to live theirs own.

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Beloit, Wis., Dec. 26, 1903.

Harlan E. Cary, Janesville, Wis.  
Dear Sir: Your check \$1.57 at hand in full settlement of my recent claim and I want to express my satisfaction with the Acton Life Insurance Co., in which I have been insured. I also wish to thank the company through their agent, Mr. Cary, for the promptness and fairness shown me in the settlement of this claim.

M. H. BRADLEY.

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NEW YEAR'S

RESOLVE

I will pay strict attention to Baumann Bros.' announcements and take advantage of the good things offered. I will save my money.—MRS. H. O. USEKEEPER.

J. W. SCOTT.

Room 2, Phoenix Block

Seals Being Exterminated.

American and Canadian fishermen are exterminating the seals on the Pribilof Islands, near Alaska. Just for the sport of the thing they shoot the animals instead of spearing; the bodies sink, and the breeding seals are frightened away by the noise.

To Increase Population.

In the interest of the increase in population, a Frenchman suggests that married men and fathers be exempted from military duty.

20 Good Suits at \$5.00

**BURIAL PERMITS  
ISSUED IN 1903**JANESEVILLE CEMETERIES HAVE A  
TOTAL NUMBER OF 228.

OAK HILL, 148; MT. OLIVET, 80

Death Rate Not as Large as Previous  
Years—But Few Deaths Result  
from Operations.The city of JANESEVILLE has had 228  
deaths so far this year, of which the  
majority were females.

The first death of the year occurred on Jan. 3d, and the last one yesterday morning. Oak Hill cemetery association issued 148 burial permits during the past year and Mt. Olivet Cemetery association issued 80 burial permits, 50 from St. Patrick's congregation and 30 from St. Mary's.

The youngest victim of death was one day of age and the oldest 93 years. The causes of death were many being by sickness, suicide or railroad accidents, but few deaths were the result of operations, and if they were it was caused by submitting to one. Deaths by appendicitis number less than half a dozen and this shows that there is no case of appendicitis which cannot be remedied. If it has not gone to a too advanced stage.

JANESEVILLE has lost some of its best and most influential citizens this year and when the year is over may recount with sorrow the men and women who have gone before.

All Deaths Registered  
All deaths are registered at the Rock county register of deeds' office. In order to encourage the recording of the county allows 25 cents for each record of death. If the health officer of the city records it he receives the 25 cents which he gives to the physician in charge of the person before death. If the doctor reports the death himself he receives twenty-five cents. In this way all records of deaths are carefully kept.

The city has five undertaking establishments, they being: Messrs. Frank D. Klimball, Nelson Bros., W. Ryan &amp; Son, W. H. Ashcraft and Moses Bros.

**SUDDEN DEATH OF  
MRS. CHAS. REESE**Taken Sick with Scarlet Fever on  
Christmas Night—Leaves Husband  
and Infant Child.

After a short illness with scarlet fever Mrs. Charles Reese died at her home on Myrtle street at nine o'clock Wednesday morning. The deceased was taken sick on Christmas night while attending a family reunion near Evansville and was brought to this city Sunday evening. She steadily grew worse until the end came yesterday morning. A husband, an infant son, besides a mother and father and brothers and sisters, who reside in Albany, are left to mourn her loss. The remains were taken to Albany at 10:45 this morning.

**SMALL BOYS HAD  
VERY BAD SCARE**Paste Cooker in Basement of Myers  
Theatre Blew Out This Morning,  
and Fire Alarm Was Turned In.

While Johnnie Hayes and three other small boys under contract to peddle bills were discussing the advisability of striking for seventy-five cents a day, in the basement of the Myers Grand theater this morning, one of them noticed an unusual quantity of steam curling up from the steam boiler and remarked it. The young man who attends to the plant had just gone to get some water to thaw out a frozen pipe. A moment later there was a loud report from the vicinity of the paste cooker, a small affair attached to the boiler, and the air was filled with steam and soot. The small boys scampered and four black, frightened faces were soon comparing notes on South Bluff street. The fire department arrived a second later but there was no need for their services.

The concussion lifted a heavy iron register from its place on the first floor and broke a large window in the rear of the building. The amount of damage was trivial. The boiler had been tested recently and is good for 200 pounds pressure, though as much as 160 pounds is seldom used. The paste cooker is only used in the day time when the boys are getting ready.

**TO REOPEN  
NEW YEAR DAY**Mrs. John G. Rexford and Her Guest,  
Miss Butterfield, to Welcome Callers at Sinclair Street Home.

Mrs. John G. Rexford and her guest, Miss Butterfield, will receive on New Year's Day from eight o'clock p.m. They will be assisted by Mrs. George Mc Kee Mrs. Frank H. Jackson, and the Misses Marcella Jackson, Margaret Jackson, Bess Wilcox, Vera Wilcox, Elizabeth McKee, Florence Pammer, Agnes Shunway, Harriet Bostwick and Juliet Bostwick.

Still Alarm: This morning at 5:45 o'clock a still alarm was sounded at the west side fire station calling the department to the Marzluo Shoe company where some cinders from the boiler were afire. Two men with the assistance of chemicals soon put out the fire.

Will Have Open Installation: Laurel Lodge No. 2, Degree of Honor, have issued invitations for an open installation of officers to be held on Thursday evening, January 21 at East Side Odd Fellows hall. After installation a social hop will be given.

Solid meat bulk oysters, 35c qt. W. Nash.

**BRIEF BITS OF LOCAL NEWS**

Get your fish order in early. Nash Clamet baking powder, Nash. Corner Stone, the best patent flour on earth, \$1.10. Nash. Sausages of all kinds, Lowell. Take to Lowell. Beet and pork tenderloin, Lowell. Fresh fish, Nash. Fine chickens for New Year's, Lowell. Our reduced prices on cloaks away below all other reduced prices. T. P. Burn. Plenty of best dairy butter, Lowell. Trout, like, pickerel, perch, No. 1 silver smelt and halibut steak, Nash. Large Gold Dust, Inc. Lowell. Ben Hur dance in Central Hall to night. Dancing 8:30 to 1 o'clock. 22 lbs best granulated sugar, \$1.00. Level. Halibut steak and silver smelt, Nash. Herkimer County N. Y. cheese, 16 lb. Lowell.

Miss Terrie Greenheck of Fond du Lac is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Fleck's, 154 Fourth avenue, New Year's candles; all kinds, Lowell. A type erp in Dederick Bros' ad last night (got) Borneo Blend coffee 25c lb. price of 22c.

Pickerel at Broch, 7c lb. Nash. 22 lbs. of gen. \$1.00. Lowell. Bon Ami, 16s. 20 Mule Tea soap, Nash. Ralph Bryant Morristown, Minn., is visiting blues, Mrs. I. B. Inman of this club and Mrs. I. J. Rice of the town of Urville.

The finest soap on earth, Nash. Mrs. S. H. War and son, Harry, have returned him from the coast where she has been on a visit to her son, Leellie R. War, for the past six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans of Aurora, Illinois, have sold their Chatham street home to M. Alice Helms, wife of Engineer Irma of this city. Miss Zoo Carroll and Mr. E. H. Fralick of Chicago and Mr. Isham of Milwaukee will be the guests of Miss Harriet McKinley over New Year's day.

I wish to thank our letter carriers for their very handsome and valuable gift to me on Christmas day. Their work in holiday season is very laborious, I am grateful to them for their kind remembrance, when they went so busily employed. M. Louise Larson, Asst. P. M.

New Year's services at St. Mary's church will be at 5:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The Guard of Honor will attend the 9 o'clock service a body.

John Kearns of Milwaukee is in the city on a visit to relatives in the city.

**GOOD RACES FOR  
NEW YEAR DAY**Best Horses in This Local Will  
Compete on the Ice Path  
Tomorrow Afternoon.

Local horsemen have arranged for an elaborate program for a matinee on the ice path on that pond New Year's day.

Horsemen in Beloit, Edgerton, other neighboring towns have invited to participate in the events of the afternoon.

The local horsemen who are compete in tomorrow's races, who have been about completed are follows: J. Sheridan, David Griff, H. D. McKinney, Alva Maxfield, K. Millmore, Albert Schaller, Frank Hugunin.

Night Foreman John Kay of the North-Western roundhouse, is confined to his home by illness. Machine St. G. Lawson is relieving him.

**NARROW ESCAPE  
OF MRS. NOWLAN**

Daughter Louise and Mrs. Wiggins, Who Had Purchased Mat-

Ticket.

Hiram Merrill received a letter from his son-in-law, Dr. W. Wiggins of Chicago today telling of the narrow escape of his wife and Mrs. Jessie Nowlan, and daughter, Louise, from attending the Iroquois theatre yesterday. They had purchased tickets for the matinee and then decided to change them just after dinner, in order that the doctor might accompany them in the evening.

Hilley Gagen this morning received word from W. P. Miller of Chicago, a tobacco salesman well known in JANESEVILLE, to the effect that his nine year old boy was lost in the fire.

MISS FLORENCE CONNELL,  
DELIGHTFUL HOSTESSLast Evening Several of Her Young  
Friends Were Royally Enter-

tained at Her Home.

Last evening the young lady and gentlemen friends of Miss Florence Connell left the city in bob sleds for her home in the town of Rock.

where the evening was spent at various games. Refreshments were served and a jolly good time was had by all. The party reached the city this morning at an early hour.

Mr. Willett P. Decker returned last evening from New York city and other eastern points where he has been for the past three weeks.

American Monte Carlo.

The American Monte Carlo is in the principality of flagat, at Palm Beach, Fla. The concessionaries, owning the Casino, are two brothers of the name Thompson. They come from Texas and their little gaming establishment at Palm Beach is worth to them \$20,000 a season.

Open House Tomorrow: The J. M. C. extends a cordial welcome to all men for the afternoon and evening at the Y. M. C. A. New Year's day. The reception committee of men will be on duty and a special effort will be made to care for who shall call.

**RECORD YEAR AT  
THE COUNTY JAIL**THIRTY-FIVE MORE PRISONERS  
THAN IN 1902.**VAGRANTS NOT NUMEROUS**

But Prisoners Confined for Intoxication More Than Make Up for Deficiency—Few Serious Crimes.

Rock county during the year of 1903 has furnished the state of Wisconsin with twenty-three years and three months of labor, the aggregate computed from the various prison and reformatory sentences by Turney E. L. Graves of the county jail. The total number of prisoners for the year was 303, an increase of 35 over the enrollment of 1902.

**INTOXICATION HEADS LIST**

Of the crimes for which the transgressors were punished intoxication easily stands at the head of the list, so far as numbers are concerned. Just 236 Rock county people lost their equilibrium over the flowing bowl during the twelve month. Only 23 were confined for vagrancy—a small percentage compared with previous years.

**ONE HORSE THIEF**

Seven were incarcerated for burglary, eleven for larceny, and twelve for assault and battery. One man was confined on the charge of horse-stealing, one for desertion, one for murder, two for forgery, one for rape, one for sodomy and one for mayhem. Two served sentences for assault and battery, one for assault with intent to do great bodily harm, one for assisting a prisoner to escape, and four for minor offenses.

In jail during the past year than during the previous one, the pessimist may argue that the world is growing worse. In 1902, however, there was undoubtedly an unusually large number who escaped punishment most richly deserved—at least that is a pleasant view to take of the figures.

A Correction: It was erroneously stated in yesterday's paper that L. G. Beers was hurt in the John Thorogood factory. The accident happened at Thomas Burns' batten factory.

**MODERN WOODMEN  
MEET ON JAN. 13**For Their Anniversary Celebration—  
Original Date Changed — Hon.

J. B. Dow of Beloit, to Speak.

Owing to the fact that a suitable hall could not be procured on the evening in question, the date of the celebration of the anniversary of the Modern Woodmen has been changed from January 5 to January 13. Hon. J. B. Dow of Beloit will be the speaker of the evening on that occasion and all Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors are invited to meet on New Year's day.

CLOTHES STOLEN  
WHILE BATHING

Local Dentist Was Marooned in His Room Until a Late Hour This Morning—Wicked Ones Repent,

Marooned in a room looking out upon Court street by a queen combination of circumstances this morning, a well-known local dentist saw the breakfast hour and the time for opening his office in the Jackman building. Toward noon one of the wicked ones, while he was taking a bath last evening, entered his war-chamber. Toward noon one of the guilty ones, overcome with remorse, crept stealthily to his door and deposited a large bundle. The master heard the thump and his mother bounded with joy. In a few moments he was a free man once more.

Loot Post Office.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 31.—Safe blowers at San Jose cracked and looted the safe in the postoffice of \$1,000.

Supply Company Falls.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 31.—The M. L. Middleton Wholesale Supply Company has failed. Liabilities about \$10,000.

Former Congressman Is Ill.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Former Congressman James J. Belden is critically ill at his home in Lyne Dock. Owing to advanced age there are fears for his life.

WE MARRIED  
AT THE LINE CITY

Miss Fay Stewart, formerly of City, wedded to Dr. Harris, on Tuesday.

Tuesday afternoon at Beloit occurred a pretty wedding in which a former JANESEVILLE girl was made the bride of Dr. Morris, a resident physician of Palatka. The ceremony was performed in the home of the bride's mother in Beloit. Rev. A. B. R. Cheney officiating. The bride is a young lady well known in this city where she has many friends who will wish her a long and happy wedded life.

Dr. and Mrs. Morris left on the evening train for an extended wedding tour to Chicago.

P. O. Hours to Jan. 1st, 1904

Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m. Carriers will make their early a.m. delivery and will be at the windows from 2 to 3 p.m. O. F. NOWLAN, P. M.

Annual meeting of the Mississippi

Golf club was adjourned this afternoon to Jan. 4th at the municipal court room at 5 o'clock.

Good Smokes,  
All Brands...A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO OUR PATRONS.

Hoping that we may serve you in 1904.

E. R. WINSLOW,  
Fancy groceries N. Main Street.**NO ISSUE OF THIS  
PAPER TOMORROW**Gazette Wishes Its Readers a Happy  
and Prosperous Year, and Many  
Good Resolutions.

In accordance with a custom of long standing, no paper will be printed in this office tomorrow—January 1, 1904. The Gazette wishes its readers a prosperous and happy New Year and many good resolutions on New Year's Day—if they are needed. No man or institution, come to think of it, is too poor in error and sinfulness to afford at least one of these resolves. Let us all be generous in the matter.

**INSURANCE MEN  
ADJUST THE LOSS**

Following is a Statement of the Fire Insurance Companies on the Schmidley Fire.

Fire insurance adjusters of the several fire insurance companies who have been in the city adjusting the losses on the Harry O. Schmidley fire have completed their work. The whole amount of insurance carried by Mr. Schmidley was \$8,500 on an inventoried stock of \$9,700. The amounts adjusted by the different companies are as follows:

Connecticut . . . . . \$591.39  
German-American . . . . . 220.83  
Mercantile . . . . . 600.12  
N. B. & W. . . . . 494.09  
Total . . . . . 123.52  
\$2029.95JANESEVILLE MEN  
"JUST TOO CUTE""Isle of Spice" Chorus Girl Tells  
Rockford Scribe About a Christ-  
mas Banquet Here.

"Aren't there any pretty girls in Milwaukee?" was the inquiry put to a representative of one of the Rockford papers by a handsome chorus maiden of the Isle of Spice Co. Monday evening. "Because," she continued, "the men up there were so lovely to us Christmas night! They entertained sixteen of our number at a six-course banquet after the show and it was a bang-up spread. Such nice men. The party was held at a bachelor's home and he was just too cute! All of them are—for that matter. They came down to Madison to see us Saturday night and some of them were in the theater here tonight. Poor things—we had to go off west and leave them. Rockford will do, but JANESEVILLE has the front seat in our hearts. We hope to return some time."

"John Charman is ill."

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 31.—John Charman, who recently delivered addresses in many cities of the United States in favor of reciprocity, with the dominion, is critically ill at his home in Lyne Dock. Owing to advanced age there are fears for his life.

S. C. BURNHAM &amp; CO.

1904 will find me with a com-  
plete stock at right prices.J. F. CARLE, Washington St.,  
Old Phone 241, New Phone 200  
Branch Office:  
JANESEVILLE Steam Laundry

SMITH'S PHARMACY

2 Registered Pharmacists,  
Kodaks and Kodak Supplies.**A FEW TIMELY  
SUGGESTIONS****HOW TO GET TOBACCO IN CON-  
DITION FOR CASING.**

EXCHANGE PRESENTS METHOD

Leading Growers in Eastern States  
Adopt Artificial Means of Pro-  
ducing Moisture.

The absence of casing weather throughout nearly all the Cigar Leaf producing States is leading growers in some of the Eastern States to adopt artificial means of producing the necessary moisture that will permit of stripping. An exchange thus describes the method of steaming introduced in the Pennsylvania section:

The whistle of the six horse-power engine was detached and connection made with the engine at that point. Then, with an augur, bore a hole into the shed for the pipe. Then place a board near the end of the pipe at such an angle as to cause the steam to strike the board and glance upward and off to the sides of the shed. In the bent at the end of the shed near the engine.

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## Coming Attractions.

One of the brightest comedies to come to the Myers Grand this season will be Mr. John Curran's sparkling farce "Reuben in New York." This piece was written with one idea in view—to produce laughter. After witnessing the performance the audience is not left in doubt as to the playwright's efforts. It is simply one long, hearty laugh; the plot—and it has a plot—is absorbingly funny, being founded on a series of misunderstandings that would seem to require the service of a Sherlock Holmes to unravel. The absolute beauty of "Reuben in New York" is worth remembering by those who



### TWO FUNMAKERS IN "THE WIZARD OF OZ"

enjoy a good, clean play, especially in the farce comedy line. A feature woefully lacking in many of the plays of this kind. The most interesting specialties will be introduced. The cast is a strong one and includes many well-known New York stars, and a beauty chorus of pretty Reuben girls. "Reuben in New York" will be seen at Myers Grand New Year's matinee and evening.

**The Wizard of Oz.** The biggest spectacular production ever conceived and staged by an American manager is "The Wizard of Oz" which will burst upon the view of local playgoers at this theater next week in an atmosphere of marvels that cost a bank-full of money, and laughter, song, dance and beauty that cost another. Gorgeous panoramas of mystic scenes and fairy incantations, joyful processions of irresistible comedians, and bright sweet girls, and such indescribable achievements of light, movement and color as the local stage has never

Mrs. Herbert L. Flint

This young lady is one of the most remarkable persons ever before the public. She is a perfect master of the hypnotic science in all of its details. Given a class upon the stage she will make them obey her slightest command. If told to go into the audience and paddle fish, they start on the expedition at once, and they paddle fish in earnest. They will follow every suggestion that she makes. While the exhibition is in some respects highly ludicrous, it is at the same time instructive, for it shows what latent powers there are in hypnotism. No comedy can be more entertaining than these nightly exhibitions of the Flints. She, with her husband, Dr. Flint, have rightly earned their title of the "fun makers."

## LODGE CALENDAR.

**Masonic.**  
Western Side Lodge, No. 14, F. and A. M.—1st and 3rd Tuesday.  
Janesville Lodge, No. 53, F. and A. M.—2nd and 4th Monday.  
Janesville Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.—1st and 3rd Thursday.  
Janesville Commandery, No. 2, K. T.—2nd and 4th Thursday.  
Janesville Chapter, No. 68, O. E. S.—2nd and 4th Wednesday.  
I. O. O. F.—Wisconsin Lodge, No. 14—Every Wednesday.  
Janesville City Lodge, No. 90—Every Tuesday.  
Rock River Encampment, No. 8—1st and 3rd Friday.  
Canton—Janesville, No. 9, Patriarchs Militant—2nd and 4th Friday.  
American Legion, No. 26, D. of R. 2nd and 4th Saturday.  
Social and Benefit Club—1st Thursday.  
Janesville Lodge, No. 171, D. of R.—2nd and 4th Thursday.  
Catholic Knights of Wisconsin Branch, No. 60—1st Sunday.  
Elks—Janesville Lodge, No. 254—Every Tuesday.  
G. A. R.—W. H. Sargent Post, No. 26—2nd and 4th Friday.  
W. H. Sargent Corps, No. 21, W. H. G.—Every Alternate Tuesday.  
Hibernians—Division, No. 3—2nd Sunday.  
Knights of the Globe—Janesville Garrison, No. 19—2nd and 4th Tuesday.  
Knights of the Maccabees—Rock River Tent, No. 61—1st and 3rd Monday.  
Rock River Elks, No. 71—Ladies of the Maccabees—1st and 3rd Monday.  
Knights of Pythias—Oriental Lodge, No. 22—Meets every Friday.  
Modern Woodmen of America—Florence Camp No. 363—2nd and 4th Friday.  
Crystal Camp, No. 382—2nd and 4th Wednesday.  
**National Union Workmen.**  
Janesville Council, No. 238—1st Tuesday.  
**United Workmen.**  
Fraternal Reserve Association meets first and third Thursdays at Good Templars' hall.  
Olive Branch, No. 30—2nd and 4th Friday.  
Olive Lodge, No. 27, Degree of Honor—1st and 3rd Wednesday.  
Royal Lodge, No. 2, Degree of Honor—1st and 3rd Thursday.  
Badger Council, No. 228, Royal Arcanum—2nd and 4th Monday.  
Independent Order of Foresters—1st and 3rd Monday.  
Mythic Workers of the World—1st and 3rd Tuesday.  
Omega Council, No. 214, Royal League—1st and 3rd Tuesday.  
Woman's Catholic Order of Foresters—2nd and 4th Tuesday.  
Beavers—2nd and 4th Tuesday.  
St. Patrick's Court, No. 218—1st and 3rd Wednesday.  
Crystal Camp, No. 122, H. N. A.—Rock River Encampment, P. of H.—Court, No. 1, Tribe of Ben Hur—2nd and 4th Thursday.  
Knights of Columbus—1st and 3rd Thursday.  
People's Lodge, No. 460, I. O. G. T.—Every 3rd Friday.  
Bower City Verein, No. 31, Germans—Unternehmungs Verein—3rd Friday.  
Western City Council, No. 108, U. C. T.—1st and 3rd Saturday.  
Janesville Assembly of United Fraternal Union, No. 171, meets the first and third Mondays of each month at the Caledonian hall, Carlo block.

F. A. Miller, general passenger agent, Chicago.

Holiday Excursions via the C. M. & St. P. Ry.

For the Christmas and New Year holidays excursion tickets will be sold to all points within a distance of 200 miles at a fare and one-third for the round trip December 24, 25 and 31, 1903 and January 1, 1904, limited to return up to and including January 4, 1904. For other information apply to ticket agent C. M. & St. P. Ry.

**Half Rates to Portland, Oregon, and Return**

Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold Jan. 6 to 9, inclusive, with very favorable return limits, on account of convention of National Live Stock Association. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry.

New trains via the C. M. & St. P. Ry for Kansas City, 6:00 p. m., connecting at Davis Junction with the New Southwest Limited, through Moline, Rock Island, Davenport and Ottumwa. New fast train for Denver, 9:00 a. m., only one night on the road. Complete information on request.

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**Excursion Tickets to Farmers' Institute at Woodstock, Ill.**

Via the North-Western Line, will be sold on January 7 and 8, limited to return until January 9, inclusive. Apply to agent Chicago & North-Western Ry.

**Excursion Rates for the Holidays**

Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at reduced rates to points on the North-Western system, within 200 miles of selling station, December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, good returning until and including January 4, 1904. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY**

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. An dropperful refills the moose if it falls in water. Dr. W. Grove's signature is on Price 25 cents.

Taint no use to sit down and whine. When no fish get tangled in your line. Date your hook with a bumble bee. And keep on taking Rocky Mountain Tea. Voiss' Pharmacy.

**JANESVILLE MARKET REPORT**

Quotations on Grain and Produce Reported for the Gazette.

AIRPORT BY F. A. SPOONER CO.

December 29, 1903.

Flour—1st Pat. at \$1.10 to \$1.25 2nd Pat at \$1.10 to \$1.20 per sack.

Wheat—No. 3 Winter, \$3.70; No. 2 Spring, 15.50 cents.

Rye—By sample, at \$4.50 per bu.

HARLEY—Extra \$4.00 fair to good maltine 40¢ per bushel many grades, \$6.00-\$12.

Corn—Ear, now per ton, \$8.18-20 depending on quality.

Oats—25.33c.

CLOVER BEED—\$7.75 to \$8.00 per bu.

TIMOTHY BEED—Retail at \$1.30-\$1.40/bu.

Buckwheat—Buy at \$2.10-\$2.30 cwt.

Pork—Pork corn and oats, \$18.00-\$20.00/bu.

Mustard, \$1.65/bu.

Bran—\$1.00 in 200 lb. sacks per ton.

Flour Middlings—\$4.00 sacked, per ton, Red Dog, \$2.00. Standard Middlings, \$18.00 sacked, \$17.00 bulk.

MILK—\$4—\$15.00 per ton.

Eggs—\$2.00 per dozen, baled, \$2.00.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth  
Be sure and use that old and well tried remedy. Mrs. Wren's Soothing Syrup for children's teeth. It soothes the child, softens the gums, relieves all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Starts the circulation, expands the limbs, strengthens the heart, builds up the entire system; that's what Rocky Mountain Tea will do. 3d cents. Voiss' Pharmacy.

**MUST ANSWER FOR PROFANITY**

Miss Smith of La Porte Denies the Charge of Neighbor Woman.

La Porte, Ind., Dec. 31—Elizabeth Smith, an unmarried woman owning considerable property in this city, will be tried in the Circuit court on the charge of using profane language in a public place. In street quarrel with a neighboring woman she is said to have given utterance to lurid epithets, and the woman to whom these were directed is the complainant.

Carpenters' Union—1st and 3rd Friday. Women's Union—1st and 3rd Friday. Label League—2nd and 4th Friday. Stone Cutters' Association of North America—3rd Friday. Bricklayers' and Masons' Union, Brothers of the Lodge—2nd Saturday. Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen—1st and 3rd Saturday.

Mrs. Smith's Buckwheat flour is best of all. Don't forget to ask your grocer for it.

**C.M. & St. Paul Ry.**

Home-seekers' Excursions via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

One fare plus \$2 for the round trip, effective first and third Tuesdays.

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## AMONG THE WORLD'S WORKERS

News Notes From Various Sources of Great Interest to the Workingman.

Representatives of Metal Polishers' International Union and the Stevo Founders' National Defense Association have failed to agree on the nine-hour day proposition for 5,000 men. The two organizations have a perpetual agreement and meetings are held yearly to make changes. The failure to agree gives the union the right to strike without violating the agreement. This will not be done, however, until submitted to the general convention next spring. The conference agreed on two important points—that prices for work shall be set upon each price separately and that if either side desires a change in wages it must present the same thirty days prior to July 1.

Miners at Bessmer, Mich., have returned to work.

**Half Rates to Portland, Oregon, and Return**

Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold Jan. 6 to 9, inclusive, with very favorable return limits, on account of convention of National Live Stock Association. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry.

New trains via the C. M. & St. P. Ry for Kansas City, 6:00 p. m., connecting at Davis Junction with the New Southwest Limited, through Moline, Rock Island, Davenport and Ottumwa. New fast train for Denver, 9:00 a. m., only one night on the road. Complete information on request.

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The fifteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America will be held in Tomlinson hall, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 10 a. m. Monday, January 18, 1904.

**Excursion Tickets to Farmers' Institute at Woodstock, Ill.**

Via the North-Western Line, will be sold on January 7 and 8, limited to return until January 9, inclusive. Apply to agent Chicago & North-Western Ry.

**Excursion Rates for the Holidays**

Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at reduced rates to points on the North-Western system, within 200 miles of selling station, December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, good returning until and including January 4, 1904. Apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY**

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. An dropperful refills the moose if it falls in water. Dr. W. Grove's signature is on Price 25 cents.

Taint no use to sit down and whine. When no fish get tangled in your line. Date your hook with a bumble bee. And keep on taking Rocky Mountain Tea. Voiss' Pharmacy.

**JANESVILLE MARKET REPORT**

Quotations on Grain and Produce Reported for the Gazette.

AIRPORT BY F. A. SPOONER CO.

December 29, 1903.

Flour—1st Pat. at \$1.10 to \$1.25 2nd Pat at \$1.10 to \$1.20 per sack.

Wheat—No. 3 Winter, \$3.70; No. 2 Spring, 15.50 cents.

Rye—By sample, at \$4.50 per bu.

HARLEY—Extra \$4.00 fair to good maltine 40¢ per bushel many grades, \$6.00-\$12.

Corn—Ear, now per ton, \$8.18-20 depending on quality.

Oats—25.33c.

CLOVER BEED—\$7.75 to \$8.00 per bu.

TIMOTHY BEED—Retail at \$1.30-\$1.40/bu.

Buy at \$2.10-\$2.30 cwt.

Pork—Pork corn and oats, \$18.00-\$20.00/bu.

Mustard, \$1.65/bu.

Bran—\$1.00 in 200 lb. sacks per ton.

Flour Middlings—\$4.00 sacked, per ton, Red Dog, \$2.00. Standard Middlings, \$18.00 sacked, \$17.00 bulk.



## TRADE REVIEW FOR PAST YEAR

Bradstreet's Gives Facts in  
Regard to Business in the  
United States.

## LESS SPECULATION IN STOCKS

New York Bank Clearings Diminish,  
but Rest of the Country Shows Great  
Increase—Wheat Output Is Slightly  
Less Than in 1902.

New York, Dec. 31.—In its annual review of the business year of 1903 Bradstreet's says:

Nineteen hundred and three was a year of irregularity in speculation, distributive trade, and industry—in some cases of severe strains variously applied and as differently withstood. As the residuary legatee of at least five years of great prosperity it had to bear cumulative effects of previous year's mistakes, and at the same time to carry burdens having their inception in the year itself.

### Trade Basis Is Sound.

Yet the tests were well withstood, and, while excesses occurred, the course of events so far has proved that the general trade foundation was essentially sound, and that the structure reared upon it was in the main well built. Stock market liquidation, though slow, has been apparently thorough, and while many weak spots have been found, ordinary trade has had some opportunity to gradually readjust itself to changed conditions of supply and demand without the impairment which would have followed a speculative crash such as has been freely predicted would close the present period of prosperity.

### Cause and Effect.

Among the causes leading to unsettlement in stock speculation and later in important industries the report gives "the injury to sentiment growing out of disclosures of overdoing, to put it mildly, in industrial stock fluctuations," scarcity in money supplies, due to absorption by these fluctuations and to heavy borrowing by railroads; the feeling that a subsidence of the rampant activity of preceding years was inevitable; but chiefly the effects of enhanced cost at which business was done. High-priced raw materials, increased transportation rates, enlarged costs of manufacture, and last, but not least, the manifest determination of labor to get all that the trade would bear, the review states, were all elements tending to check consumption.

### Conditions Are Excellent.

Summarizing the year's developments, the review calls attention to the excellent condition of trade and industry during the first quarter and the multiplication of labor troubles during the second quarter, June 1 seeing the largest number of men out of employment in many years.

The high price of cotton causing the more or less constant idleness of 2,000,000 spindles and 100,000 operatives in the middle of the year, while reductions in wages of many thousands of workers in the last months impaired the purchasing ability of the industrial element.

### Wheat Crop Slightly Less.

The wheat crop was slightly less than that of 1902, and corn and cotton were affected by the late spring, floods and early frosts, the yields of the country's crops, as a whole falling behind 1902.

The manufacturing industry was feverishly active early in the year, iron and steel leading. Curtailment, following a 40 per cent reduction in prices, cut down the output and a liberal export movement started. Export trade amounting to \$1,453,000,000 showed a 7 per cent increase over 1902, and imports of \$1,000,000,000 make the aggregate of foreign trade the best on record.

### Less Speculation.

Reduced stock speculation at the metropolis cut down the bank clearings at New York 13 per cent from 1902, but the country as a whole showed a 4 per cent gain over 1902. Prices early in the year evidenced the strength of demand, reaching on March 1 the highest level for three years past. Metals, live-stock, meats, hides, and leather, coal and coke reacted, but breadstuffs, textiles, minerals, oils, building materials, coffee and miscellaneous products, finished higher.

It is with a chastened spirit, coupled with some doubt, the review concludes, that the business community awaits the developments of 1904.

There are still some cloud shadows, but barometer has begun to rise, and the commercial world may expect a fairly satisfactory business along lines of confident conservatism, governed, as the year advances, by crop and industrial developments of 1904.

## COUNTY OFFICER IS MISSING

E. R. Hurlburt of Decatur, Ill., Sends Strange Letter Home.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 31.—E. R. Hurlburt, chairman of the Macon county board of supervisors and mentioned as a candidate for the legislature, has disappeared. A letter received from him and mailed on a train in Texas is so vaguely worded as to add to the mystery. He was manager of a nursery company and had \$1,000 of his firm's money. His associates say they do not believe he has gone because of financial troubles.

Archbishop Farley of New York city has received an invitation to visit Rome to attend the celebration of the Jubilee of the Immaculate Conception and probably will sail early next month. Three important church questions are likely to be brought to an issue while the archbishop is in Rome. They are the supposed need

for foreign missionaries, especially for the Italians, selection of an auxiliary or coadjutor bishop for the New York diocese and the placing of the American church in direct communication with the vatican.

## WISCONSIN TEACHERS SELECT NEW OFFICERS

E. W. Walker of Delavan is President, While Secretary Boyce Holds Over for Two Years.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 31.—The Wisconsin Teachers' association has elected officers as follows:

President, E. W. Walker, Delavan; first vice president, J. A. Hazelwood; second vice president, A. H. Sanford, Stevens Point; third vice president, Julius H. Pratt, Jr., Milwaukee; treasurer, F. A. Lowell, superintendent of schools, Rhinelander; railroad manager, William E. Sell, Milwaukee; secretary, T. W. Boyce, Milwaukee (holds over for two years, having been elected for a term of three years).

A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee to secure, if possible, legislation for the appointment of a committee to secure, if possible, legislation for higher salaries.

J. W. Stearns of the University of Wisconsin addressed the convention on "Some Lines of Educational Progress," and State Superintendent C. P. Cary spoke on "The Value of the Study of English."

## IMMIGRATION PASSES ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

Arrivals at New York City Number 619,980 Steerage Passengers, an Increase of 72,783.

New York, Dec. 31.—Immigration at this port in 1903 has passed all previous records. During the calendar year 619,980 immigrants—steerage passengers—arrived here, as against 547,197 in 1902, an increase of 72,783.

The year of 1902 was a record-breaking year, the increase over 1901 having been about 130,000. As was the case last year, the heaviest immigration was during May, when 92,861 steerage passengers were admitted, at New York. Almost as many came here in April. The immigration was larger every month of the current year, compared with the monthly figures in 1902, with the exception of the current month. Last December 36,000 immigrants, approximately, landed here. This month the number will probably not exceed 32,000.

Southern Europe contributed by far the largest proportion of the total. There was, however, a marked increase in the newcomers from northern and western Europe, especially Norway, Sweden and Denmark, Italy, nevertheless, leads all the rest. The exodus of Italian laborers, with whom the outward bound steamers were loaded early this month, has shown a marked falling off.

## GIVES UNIVERSITY TO PEORIA

Washington Corrington Leaves Entire Estate for This Purpose.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 31.—The will of the late Washington Corrington has been filed for probate. He leaves his entire estate, which he valued at \$750,000, for the founding of an educational institution in the city to be known as Corrington Institute and University. His estate is to be managed by trustees until it reaches \$1,500,000, when work is to commence. Prof. John M. Coulter of the University of Chicago is named as one of the trustees.

## TWENTY-SECOND VICTIM IS DEAD

Conductor of the Pere Marquette Train Succumbs to His Injuries.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 31.—Conductor George Neil, the twenty-second victim of the Pere Marquette wreck near East Paris, Mich., last Saturday evening, died Wednesday at Butterworth hospital. His death was due principally to the nervous shock, although his injury, a compound fracture of the right leg, was severe. Neil lived at Ionia, Mich.

## CHICAGO MARKETS

From the Hadden, Rodee Co., 201 Jackman Block, Janesville.

C. L. Guther Resident Manager.

Open. High. Low. Close

Wheat..... 814 1/2 814 1/2 814 1/2

May..... 794 7/8 794 7/8 794 7/8

Dec.....

Corn..... 454 1/2 452 1/2 451 1/2 451 1/2

May..... 442 1/2 438 1/2 432 1/2 432 1/2

Dec.....

Oats..... 384 1/2 384 1/2 384 1/2 384 1/2

May..... 384 1/2 384 1/2 384 1/2 384 1/2

Dec.....

Pork..... 12 57 12 63 12 58 12 58

Jan..... 12 03 12 05 12 07 12 09

May..... 12 03 12 05 12 07 12 09

Lard..... 4 87 4 87 4 87 4 87

Jan..... 4 87 4 87 4 87 4 87

May..... 4 87 4 87 4 87 4 87

Rings..... 6 37 6 47 6 37 6 42

Jan..... 6 37 6 47 6 37 6 42

May..... 6 70 6 73 6 67 6 72

CHICAGO CASH LOT RECEIPTS

To day. Contract. Est. Tomorrow

Wheat..... 37 ..... 1 ..... 29

Corn..... 11 ..... 1 ..... 175

Oats..... 81 ..... 60

NORTH-WEST RECEIPTS (Wheat).

Today Last Week Year Ago

Minneapolis..... 511 550

Duluth..... 65 75

Chicago..... 37 40

Live Stock Market

RECEIPTS TODAY

Hogs..... Cattle ..... Sheep

Chicago..... 35000 7000 1500

Kansas City..... 5200 5000 1800

Omaha..... 3300 1800 4200

Market..... Steady Steady Steady

Hogs..... 4 6124 73

U. S. Yards Opening

U. S. Yards Close

Mixed abt..... 4 6124 83 4 5124 90

Live Heavy..... 4 6124 10 4 5124 10

Live Light..... 4 6124 10 4 5124 10

Live Hogs..... 4 6124 70 4 4014 70

Live Cattle..... 4 6124 73 4 5024 70

Live Sheep..... 12 00 12 00

Cattle 1 10 2 40

Sheep 1 10 2 40

Cows 1 10 2 40

Calves 1 10 2 40

Lambs 1 10 2 40

Sheep steady route 15000

Lambs steady

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Matinee—Children, 25c; Adults, 50c.

Might—Entire main floor, 75c; first four rows Balcony, 75c; balance Balcony, 50c; Gallery, 25c.

Seats now on sale at ticket office.

## A Happy New Year.

## January Clearing Sale

Commencing  
Saturday, January  
2nd, and continuing  
throughout the  
month of January.

## WATCH FOR OUR PRICES

## AMOS REIBERG & CO.

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cellar full of —"

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all day